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REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 1-14 are pending in the application and are under consideration.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of Koenigsmann et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,770,154) in view of Michaluk et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,348,113). This rejection is believed to be obviated by the attached terminal disclaimer. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is in order and it is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this Amendment or the application in general, he is invited to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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